

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A logic verification system comprising:
a first logic cone extraction section for extracting first logic cones from a machine-executable object code compiled from a behavioral level description written in a programming language, the object code being used for specification verification by simulation on a CPU in a design phase; and
means for determining, based on the first logic cones, whether logic circuits that have been designed in a behavioral synthesis phase are acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits;
a second logic cone extraction section for extracting second logic cones from an RT level description; and
a logic cone comparison section for comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones to verify equivalence between the first and second logic cones,
wherein, based on the comparison of the first logic cones and the second logic cones, the determining means determines whether the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits, and
wherein the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is determined to be acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits when the first logic cones are logically equivalent to the second logic cones.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) The logic verification system according to claim **[[2]]**
1, wherein the first logic cone extraction section includes a symbolic simulation section.
5. (Currently Amended) A logic verification system comprising:

a storage section for storing an object code compiled from an behavioral level description written in a programming language, the object code being used for specification verification by simulation on a CPU in a design phase,

an RT level description generated from the behavioral level description,

correspondence information which specifies information on pairs of fragments of descriptions to be compared which are included in the behavioral level description and the RT level description and which specifies information on pairs of signals to be compared for each description pair, and

compile information including mapping information between the behavioral level description and the object code;

a first logic cone extraction section for extracting first logic cones of variables by:

searching a code portion and the variables of the object code corresponding to each fragments of descriptions and each signals of behavioral level description to be compared which are specified by the correspondence information by referencing the compile information,

setting initial symbol values in the variables,

performing symbolic simulation from the start to end points of the code portion to produce symbol values when the variable symbolic simulation ends, and

using the symbol values as the first logic cones of the variables;

a second logic cone extraction section for extracting second logic cones each for the signals for each fragments of description of RT level description to be compared which are specified by the correspondence information;

a logic cone comparison section for comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones for each signals for each of the fragments of descriptions to be compared in the behavioral level description and the RT level description which are specified by the correspondence information; and

means for determining, based on the comparison of the first logic cones and the second logic cones, whether the RT level description that has been designed in a behavioral synthesis phase is acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits,

wherein the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is determined to be acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits when the first logic cones are logically equivalent to the second logic cones.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A logic verification method ~~further~~ comprising the steps of:

extracting first logic cones from a machine-executable object compiled from a behavioral level description written in a programming language, the object code being used for specification verification by simulation on a CPU in a design phase;

determining, based on the first logic cones, whether logic circuits that have been designed in the design phase are acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the first logic circuits;

extracting second logic cones from an RT level description; and

comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones to verify equivalence between the first and second logic cones,

wherein, based on the comparison of the first logic cones and the second logic cones, the determining means determines whether the RT level description that has been designed in a behavioral synthesis phase is acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits,

wherein the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is determined to be acceptable to be used in the manufacturing phase for the logic circuits when the first logic cones are logically equivalent to the second logic cones.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Original) The logic verification method according to claim 9, wherein the first logic cones are extracted by performing symbolic simulation.

12. (Currently Amended) A logic verification method comprising the steps of:

inputting an object code compiled from an behavioral level description written in a programming language, an RT level description generated from the behavioral level description, correspondence information which specifies information on pairs of fragments of

descriptions to be compared which are included in the behavioral level description and the RT level description and which specifies information on pairs of signals to be compared for each description pair, and compile information including mapping information between the behavioral level description and the object code, the object code being used for specification verification by simulation on a CPU in a design phase;

searching a code portion and the variables of the object code corresponding to each fragments of description and each signals of behavioral level description to be compared which are specified by the correspondence information by referencing the compile information;

setting initial symbol values in the variables;

performing symbolic simulation from the start to end points of the code portion;

determining first logic cones of the variables as symbol values when the variable symbolic simulation ends;

extracting second logic cones each for the signals for each fragments of RT level description to be compared which are specified by the correspondence information;

comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones for each signals for each of the descriptions to be compared in the behavioral level description and the RT level description which are specified by the correspondence information; ~~and~~

determining, based on the comparing step, whether the RT level description that has been designed in a behavioral synthesis phase is acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits; and

if the RT level description is determined to be acceptable, manufacturing the logic circuits based on the RT level description,

wherein the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is determined to be acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits when the first logic cones are logically equivalent to the second logic cones.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium embodying a computer program product ~~embodied in computer-readable medium~~ and comprising code that, when

executed, causes a computer to perform logic verification, the program product comprising the steps of:

a) extracting first logic cones from a machine-executable object code compiled from a behavioral level description written in a programming language, the object code being used for specification verification by simulation on a CPU in a design phase;

b) extracting second logic cones from an RT level description;

c) comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones to verify equivalence between the first and second logic cones; ~~and~~

d) determining, based on the comparison of the first logic cones and the second logic cones, whether the RT level description that has been designed in a behavioral synthesis phase is acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits; and

if the RT level description is determined to be acceptable, manufacturing the logic circuits based on the RT level description,

wherein the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is determined to be acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits when the first logic cones are logically equivalent to the second logic cones.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~program—product~~ readable-medium according to claim 15, wherein, in the step a), the first logic cones are extracted by performing symbolic simulation.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium embodying a computer program product ~~embodied in computer-readable medium~~ and comprising code that, when executed, causes a computer to perform logic verification, the program product comprising the steps of:

a) storing an object code compiled from an behavioral level description written in a programming language, the object code being used for specification verification by simulation on a CPU in a design phase, an RT level description generated from the behavioral level description, correspondence information which specifies information on pairs of fragments of descriptions to be compared which are included in the behavioral level description and the RT level description and which specifies information on pairs of signals to be compared for each description pair, and compile information including mapping information between the behavioral level description and the object code;

b) extracting first logic cones from a machine-executable object code compiled from a behavioral level description written in a programming language;

c) extracting second logic cones from an RT level description;

d) comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones to verify equivalence between the first and second logic cones; and

e) determining, based on the comparison of the first logic cones and the second logic cones, whether the RT level description that has been designed in a behavioral synthesis phase is acceptable in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits[[,]]; and

f) if the RT level description is determined to be acceptable, manufacturing the logic circuits based on the RT level description,

wherein the RT level description that has been designed in the behavioral synthesis phase is determined to be acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits when the first logic cones are logically equivalent to the second logic cones,

wherein the step b) comprises the steps of:

b.1) searching a code portion and the variables of the object code corresponding to each fragments of description and each signals of behavioral level description to be compared which are specified by the correspondence information by referencing the compile information;

b.2) setting initial symbol values in the variables;

b.3) performing symbolic simulation from the start to end points of the code portion; and

b.4) determining the first logic cones of the variables as symbol values when the variable symbolic simulation ends.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~program-product~~ readable-medium according to claim 17, wherein

the step b) comprises the step of extracting the second logic cones each for the signals for each fragments of RT level description to be compared which are specified by the correspondence information, and

the step c) comprises the step of comparing the first logic cones and the second logic cones for each signals for each of the fragments of descriptions to be compared in the

behavioral level description and the RT level description which are specified by the correspondence information.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A logic cone extraction apparatus comprising:

[[a]] first storage ~~section~~ means for storing correspondence information which species logic cone extraction areas within a program;

[[a]] first data processing ~~device~~ means for compiling an object code from a program description, the object code being used to describe logic circuits in a design phase for the logic circuits;

[[a]] second storage ~~section~~ means for storing the compiled object code output by the first data processing ~~device~~ means, and compile information;

[[a]] second data processing ~~device~~ means for receiving program code describing logic cones, and for receiving the complied object code and the compile information stored in the second storage section, the second data processing device computing and outputting behavioral level logic cones and RT level logic cones; and

[[a]] third storage ~~section~~ means for storing the behavioral level logic cones and RT level logic cones output by the second data processing ~~device~~ means;

[[a]] third data processing ~~device~~ means for receiving the behavioral level logic cones and the RT level logic cones stored in the third storage ~~section~~ means, the correspondence information stored in the first storage ~~section~~ means, and the compile information stored in the second storage ~~section~~ means, and for performing logic cone comparisons as a result thereof; and

determining means for determining, based on the comparisons of the logic cones performed by the third data processing ~~device~~ means, whether the logic circuits that have been designed in the design phase are acceptable to be used in a manufacturing phase for the logic circuits.